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EXERCISES IN HARMONISATION

MELODIES & BASSES

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FOREWORD

This booklet has been designed especially for candidates entering for the diplomas of L.R. A. M. and A.T.C.L. The paper work of both these examinations includes a certain amount of harmonisation of melodies and basses and it is hoped that the present publication will provide useful material of the correct standard.

A knowledge of Harmony up to and including the dominant 7th, passing notes and simple suspensions (as needed for the examinations) is assumed. The notes appended to some of the exercises may draw attention to important points which, in the experience of examiners, are frequently overlooked.

The exercises should also be found useful as extra material at various stages in the study of Harmony, apart from examination work. If the student can work them satisfactorily with the comparatively elementary chord bases needed, more advanced methods of harmonization should present little difficulty. The writer feels that it is impossible to lay too strong a foundation in the earlier stages, and the more material there is available for this, the better.



I. Melodies without modulation



- (a) Note the sequence, which must be harmonised entirely sequentially.
- (b) Avoid a direct perfect cadence here use VIIb Ib.



(a) Avoid a direct perfect cadence here.



- (a) Avoid a direct perfect cadence _ use either inverted perfect, or interrupted.
- (b) Half close, strong to weak; use \$\frac{9}{3}\$ on the dominant.



- (a) Passing notes. N.B. It is never advisable to harmonise isolated quavers, approached and quitted by step, with separate chords. Treat them as unessential notes.
- (b) Note use of melodic minor scale descending. The final note of the bracket must be harmonised to contain a C²/₄.

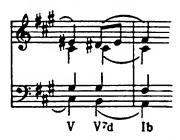


(a) Keep up movement by means of a suspension. N.B. For movement at a cadence always prefer a suspension (if possible) to anything else. It gives greater strength, and a better feeling of progression onwards.



(a) Accented auxiliary note _ the following E# is the harmony note. N. B. The bracketted figre is of common appearance _ two leading notes with a lower auxiliary between.

The best harmonisation is:-



This "stock" treatment should be memorised for use in all such cases.

(b) Accented passing note _ the following B is the harmony note. In a descending scalic passe, use of accented passing notes is frequently preferable to use of unaccented ones. The pat to be considered is which gives the stronger chord progression.



- A.T.& B. enter here.
- (b) See (a) in No. 6
- (c) Suspension. A note repeated (or tied) weak to strong, and falling a step, should generay be treated so.



(a) Suspension



(a) Introduce a suspension here to keep movement



- (b) See (b) No. 4



Note sequence.

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See (a) No. 6.

Accented passing note. The following G is quitted by leap, and therefore must be a harmony

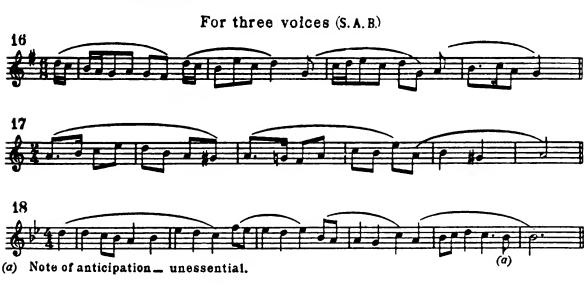


- (a) Passing notes.
- (6) Treat this Bb as unessential. The bracketted figure is common enough in a 4 3.



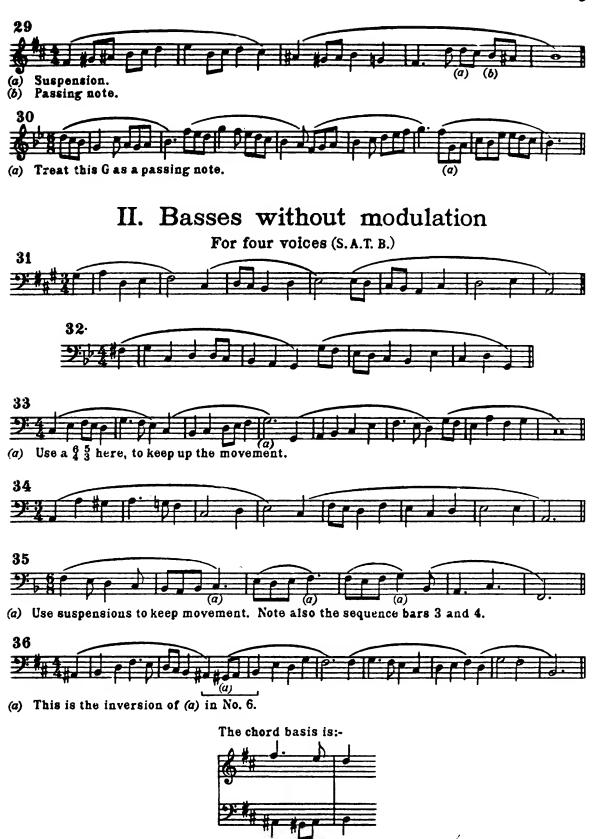
(a) Let this F become a suspension on the dot.











Memorise as a stock harmonisation.







III. Melodies with modulation



- (a) $\frac{6}{4}$ $\frac{5}{3}$ on dominant for the strong to weak half-close.
- (b) The A# shows B minor. Use an inverted perfect cadence here, to avoid finality.
- N.B. A direct perfect cadence in a new key should only be used at a central modulation. Any other modulation should be made by means of an inverted or (less frequently) interrupted cadence.

Note also the sequence, which must be carried out in all parts.



- (a) A.T.B. enter here.
- (b) Direct cadence in B flat major.
- (c) Inverted cadence in A flat major.
- (d) The same, sequentially in F minor.



- (a) B minor.
- (b) A.T. B. enter on 2nd beat of the bar.



- (a) The F# shows this to be in G minor. It is in sequence with (δ) which is a 3rd higher.
- (b) is therefore in Bb major. Use inverted cadences in both cases.



(a) Accented auxiliary note.



- (a) A.T. B. enter here.
- (b) See (a) No. 6.
- (d) Accented passing note.(e) Appoggiatura; the following B is the harmony note.
- (c) Suspensions.





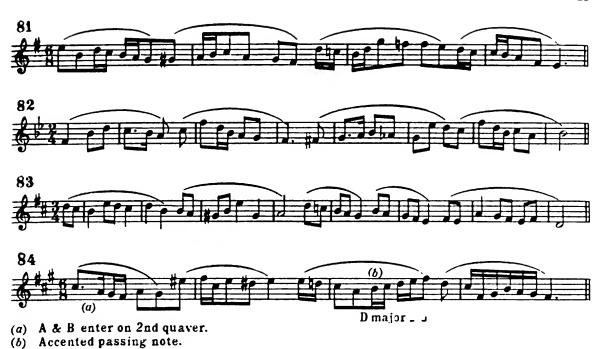


(a) Use \$\frac{1}{3}\$ on E bass_the "Neapolitan 6th".

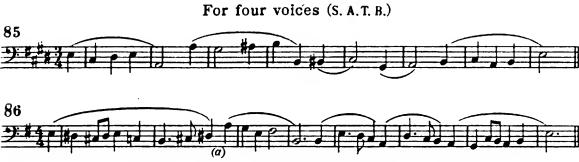
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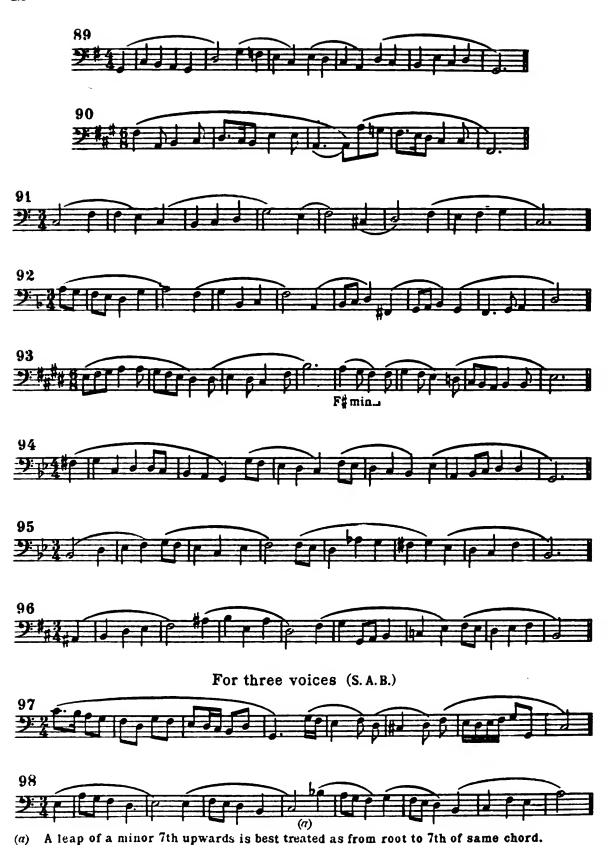
IV. Basses with modulation



(a) A leap of a diminished 5th upwards is best taken as from 3rd to 7th of same chord.

The chord basis is thus:-







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This work has been written in response to many requests for further material for use in connection with First Year Harmony Additional exercises have been provided to most of the chapters, and have been carefully adapted to fit in with those in the original work.

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